

THE  
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loyall Subjects, the Governour  
and the Company late gone for  
N E V V - E N G L A N D;

To the rest of their Brethren, in and of the  
Church of ENGLAND.

For the obtaining of their Prayers,  
and the removall of suspitions, and mis-  
constructions of their Intentions.



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of their Brethren in and of the  
*Church of ENGLAND.*

*Reverend FATHERS and BRETHREN:*

 He generall rumour of this solemnne Enterprise, wherin our selves with others, through the providence of the Almighty, are ingaged, as it may spare us the

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labour of imparting our occa-  
sion unto you, so it gives us  
the more encouragement to  
strengthen our selves by the  
procurement of the prayers &  
blessings of the Lords faith-  
full Servants : For which end  
wee are bold to have recourse  
unto you, as those whom *God*  
hath placed nearest his throne  
of Mercy ; which as it affords  
you the more opportunitie, so  
it imposeth the greater bond  
upon you to intercede for his  
people in all their straights, we  
beseech you therefore by the  
mercies of the *Lord Iesvs* to  
consider us as your Brethren,  
standing in very great need of  
your

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your helpe, and earnestly imploring it. And howsoever your charitie may have met with some occasion of discouragement through the misreport of our intentions, or through the disaffection, or indiscretion, of some of us, or rather, amongst us: for wee are not of those that dreame of perfection in this world; yet we desire you would be pleased to take notice of the principals, and body of our company, as those who esteeme it our honour, to call the *Church* of *England*, from whence wee rise, our deare Mother, and cannot part from our native Countries,

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Country, where she specially resideth, without much sadness of heart, and many teares in our eyes, ever acknowledging that such hope and part as wee have obtained in the common salvation, we have received in her bosome, and suckt it from her breasts : wee leave it not therfore, as loathing that milk wherewith we were nourished there, but blessing God for the parentage and education, as members of the same body shall alwayes rejoice in her good, and unfainedly grieve for any sorrow that shall ever betide her, and while we have breath, sincerenly desire and in-

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indeavour the continuance &  
abundance of her welfare, with  
the inlargement of her bounds  
in the kingdome of C H R I S T  
I E S V S.

Be pleased therefore *Reverend Fathers & Brethren*  
to helpe forward this worke  
now in hand ; which if it pro-  
sper, you shall bee the more  
glorious , howsoever your  
judgment is with the L O R D ,  
and your reward with your  
G o d . It is an usuall and lau-  
dable exercise of your charity  
to commend to the prayers of  
your Congregations the ne-  
cessities and straights of your  
private neighbours ; Doe the  
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like for a Church springing  
out of your owne bowels. VVe  
conceive much hope that this  
remembrance of us, if it be fre-  
quent and fervent, will bee a  
most prosperous gale in our  
failes, and prouide such a pas-  
sage and welcome for us, from  
the G o D of the whole earth,  
as both we which shall finde it,  
and your selves, with the rest  
of our friends, who shal heare  
of it, shall be much inlarged to  
bring in such daily returnes of  
Thanks-givings, as the special-  
ties of his Providence and  
Goodnes may justly challenge  
at all our hands. You are not  
ignorant, that the Spirit of  
God

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God stirred up the Apostle *Paul* to make continuall mention of the Church of *Philippi*( which was a Colonie from *Rome*) let the same Spirit, we beseech you, put you in mind, that are the Lords remembrancers, to pray for us without ceasing ( who are a weake Colony from yourselves ) making continuall request for us to God in all your prayers.

What we intreat of you that are the Ministers of God, that we also crave at the hands of all the rest of our Brethren, that they would at no time forget us in their private solicitations at the throne of Grace.

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If any there be, who through want of cleare intelligence of our course, or tendernesse of affection towards us, cannot conceive so well of our way as we could desire, we would intreat such not to despise us, nor to desert us in their prayers & affections, but to consider rather, that they are so much the more bound to expresse the bowels of their compassion towards us, remembraunce alwaies that both Nature and Grace, doth ever binde us to relieve and rescue with our utmost & speediest power, such as are deare unto us, when wee conceive them to be running uncomfortable

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comfortable hazards.

VVhat goodnes you shall extend to us in this or any other Christian kindnesse, wee your Brethren in C H R I S T I E s v s shall labour to repay in what dutie wee are or shall be able to performe, promising so farre as God shall enable us to give him no rest on your behalves, wishing our heads and hearts may be as fountaines of teares for your everlasting welfare, when wee shall be in our poore Cottages in the wilderness, over-shadowed with the spirit of supplication, through the manifold necessities and tribulations which may

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may not altogether unex-  
pectedly, nor, we hope, unprofi-  
tably befall us. And so com-  
mending you to the grace of  
God in C H R I S T, wee shall  
ever rest

Your assured Friends

From Yarmouth  
aboord the *Arbella*  
*April 7. 1630.*

and Brethren,

*Io: Winthrope Gov. Rich: Saltonstall.*

*Charles Fines. Isaac Johnson.*

*Tho: Dudley.*

*George Philipps. William Coddington*

*&c.*

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